

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, **July 24, 2023** at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber; Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board, Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Mr. T'Chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian and Mrs. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. McDonald, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Irwin to include the reports from the following departments into the meeting record: Water/Sewer/Valcour; Highway; Dog Control; Code/Zoning Report; Supervisor's Report; Court Reports; Web Site Report; Banking Report and Enterprise Report, Town Clerk and Youth reports.  
Ayes 5 Noes 0 **Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Douglass to accept the minutes from the June 26, 2023. Regular Meeting.  
Ayes 5 Noes 0 **Motion Carried**

**Community Input**  
**NONE**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.07.27-1**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER STONE TO THE TOWN OF PERU PLANNING BOARD.**

**MOTION: Mr. Bruno**

**SECOND: Mr. Irwin**

**WHEREAS**, The Peru Town Planning Board has recommended that Peter Stone be appointed to the Town Planning Board through December 31, 2030.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board and appoints Peter Stone to a seven year term effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2030.

**AND, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
<b>Richard Barber Jr.</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.07.24-2**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN'S 2023 CONTRACT WITH THE GOLDEN APPLE CLUB TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.**

Motion: Mr. Barber

Second: Mr. Bruno

**WHEREAS**, the Peru Golden Apple Club provides services to the citizens of the Town of Peru, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Peru that the Town of Peru support this activity on an annual basis. This contract shall renew January 1<sup>st</sup> annually following this contract.

**NOW, IT IS HEREBY AGREED** as follows:

1. During the fiscal year 2023, the Town of Peru, in consideration for the Peru Golden Apple Club providing services to the citizens of the Town of Peru agrees to pay Peru Golden Apple Club \$4,500.00 each year.
2. The monies paid by the Town of Peru to the Peru Golden Apple Club shall be used for services for all of the senior residents of the Town of Peru who wish to join the Club.

**AND, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>Roll Call:</b>		<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
	<b>Richard Barber, Jr.</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.07.24-3**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAMELA BARBER TO THE POSITION OF BUDGET OFFICER EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2023.**

**MOTION: Mr. Douglass**

**SECOND: Mr. Bruno**

**WHEREAS**, The Peru Town Supervisor has recommended that Pamela Barber be appointed to the position of Budget Officer for the Town of Peru.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Supervisor serves as the Budget Officer, although he has the ability to delegate this authority and appoint any person to serve as the budget officer as per Town Law 29 Section 4-2.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of Town Supervisor, Brandy McDonald to fill this position with Pamela Barber at a rate of pay of \$1,578.00 effective July 24, 2023.

**AND, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>Roll Call:</b>		<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
	<b>Richard Barber Jr.</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.07.24-4**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE TO DECLARE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S 2007 INTERNATIONAL MODEL #7600 DUMP TRUCK AS SURPLUS AND OFFER IT FOR SALE ON AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Barber

**SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

**WHEREAS,** it is having been determined, in consultation with the Town Highway Superintendent, that the Town has no further need for a 2007 International Model #7600 Dump Truck (hereinafter referred to as the "Truck"); and

**WHEREAS,** The Town has declared it as surplus equipment, and

**WHEREAS,** the Board is willing to put the tractor up for sale in "as is" condition and a "parts only" truck; be itthe

**RESOLVED,** the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to make known to the public that such sale to be "as is" with no warranties or guarantees express or implied, and such offer to sell the truck on the Auctions International Website. It is further,

**RESOLVED,** this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Richard Barber, Jr.</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 23.07.24-5

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF PERU**

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruno

**SECONDED:** Mr. Douglass

**WHEREAS,** the Peru Town Board approved a Comprehensive Plan for the Town on June 2006 in recognition of the value of the Comprehensive Plan to assist in the effort to guide decisions in furtherance of the logical and orderly growth and development of the Town; and

**WHEREAS,** the aforementioned Comprehensive Plan is serving as the foundation for a current effort to update the zoning ordinance for the Town of Peru; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Peru Town Board reaffirmed in June of 2012, the value and relevancy of the aforementioned Comprehensive Plan in guiding land use decisions in the Town of Peru, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Town of Peru again, reaffirms support for the proposed Heyworth-Mason Building Renovations as outlined in the aforementioned Comprehensive Plan.

**RESOLVED,** this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Richard Barber, Jr.</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.07.24-6**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING VENTURES FOR ENGINEERING FEES FOR THE RECOMMENDATION FOR BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE “PERU HIGHWAY GARAGE SPRINKLER SYSTEM PROJECT”.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Barber

**SECOND:** Mr. Douglass

**WHEREAS**, to authorize Engineering Ventures to prepare bid specifications and advertise for receipts of bid once complete, for the project known as “Peru Highway Garage Sprinkler System Project”.

**WHEREAS**, Bid specifications, timing, and authorization, will be in accordance with all applicable codes, and

**WHEREAS**, Engineering Ventures estimates their cost and Subcontracted Mechanical Engineering’s cost to be as per attached estimate to be \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars), **THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, said proposed authorization is approved as per requirements.

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Richard Barber, Jr.</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried:**  
**5 Ayes 0 Noes**

***2023 Bridge NY Rejection***

Mr. Farrell stated with disappointment, the Bridge NY grant was rejected for Telegraph Street.

***School Street Washout PCSD Response Letter***

The letter received states Peru Central School will take no responsibility for the washout on School Street.

***Request to Change Chickens Zoning Code***

Mr. Guynup stated 3 acres are required and the zoning board would need to make the decision to change.

***Other Business***

***Motion by*** Mr. McDonald seconded by Mr. Bruno to cancel August 14, 2023 Regular Town Meeting.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Mr. Barber stated bell tower is complete with roof and weather vane.

NYMIR completed annual risk assessments; the Highway department had zero issues to rectify. A fire alarm for water department should be installed at the Water Plant.

Mr. McDonald and Ms. Barber both stated the inspections went very well.

Mr. Favro will draft a letter for homeowners to explain the legal responsibility as homeowner for trees and bushes at intersections in case of an accident.

Mr. Douglass asked for a moment of silence for Dave Drollette. Ms. Barber said that a collection was being taken up to have a Hometown Heroes banner produced for Dave and have it hung in front of the Town Hall; with any extra proceeds will go towards a memorial bench or a donation to the Honor Flight.

Mr. Tetrault stated the dog park shade structure is complete.

Mrs. Nerska stated presentations at the Babbie Farms on Peru History are being well received.

Mr. Bruno shared a concern with the many signs along the roadways.

***Public Comments on Agenda Items Only***  
**NONE**

